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Re: Docket 2009-489-E, Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for Increases and Adjustments in Electric Rate Schedules

Dear Commissioners:

We, the undersigned members of Dorchester County Council, have written you to express our concern over the proposed 9.5% rate increase requested by South Carolina Electric and Gas Company (S. C. E. & G.). The proposed increase will cause financial hardship for many Dorchester County citizens and many citizens across the state. Additionally, this increase will put many of the small businesses in our county who receive power from S.C. E. & G. at a competitive disadvantage to their counterparts who receive lower cost power from the electric cooperatives, which also serve a portion of Dorchester County.

Please consider every alternative to a rate increase at this time. Many of our citizens are in dire financial straits and simply cannot afford an increase of 9.5% at this time.

Thanks in advance for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

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